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ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT,
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES KAZAKH SSR

On 17 April 1952, elections for President of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR took place at a session of the general assembly of the academy. From names submitted by scientific institutions and the group of scientific workers in the Department of Mineral Resources, Dinnukhamed Akhmedovich Kunayev, Active Member, Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR, was nominated for President by Academician A. B. Bekturov, Chairman of the Department of Mineral Resources and Active Member, Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR. This nomination was unanimously upheld by the following: Academician S. N. Pokrovskiy, Chairman of the Department of Social Science and Active Member, Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR. Academician N. U. Buzanov, Chairman of the Department of Biological Science and Medicine of the academy and Active Member, Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR.

By a secret vote, the General Assembly unanimously elected Kunayev President of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR.

This session relieved Academician K. I. Satpayev from the duties of President and Member of the Presidium, Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR.

Biographic Data on Kunayev

U. A. Kunayev was born 12 April 1912 in the city of Alma-Ata (formerly Vernyy). Here, in 1930, he finished secondary school and in 1931 he was sent by the Kazakh Kray Committee of the VLKSM (All-Union Lenin Communist Union of Youth) to study in Moscow at the Institute of Nonferrous Metals. In 1936, Kunayev finished studies in the Mining Department of the institute and was assigned by the Commissar of Heavy Industry (USSR) to the Kounradskiy Mine of the Balkhash Copper Manufacturing Trust. Here he worked as a machinist on a blasting machine, as a foreman, as a shift engineer, as a section chief, and as a drilling shop superintendent. Kunayev proved to be a good specialist and organizer of industry. He soon was promoted to the position of chief engineer and acting director of the mine.

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In the following years, Kunayev, supervising works at the nonferrous metallurgical enterprises of Kazakh, became deputy chief engineer and chief of the Technical Department of the "Altaypolimetall" Trust, director of the mine, and afterward director of the Leninogorskiy Ore Board.

In 1942, Kunayev worked as Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers Kazakh SSR. While in this post, he displayed great managerial possibilities for supervision of the republic's heavy industry.

Kunayev combined major governmental work with important scientific activity. In 1948, he wrote and defended his candidate's thesis, entitled "Determining the Most Effective Method of Blasting Under Conditions of the Kounradskiy Mine." More than 15 of Kunayev's works have been published, the most important of which are devoted to the problems of blasting and methods of open-cut mining of polymetallic deposits. He supervised and actively participated in the writing of a large work entitled "Investigating the Possible Application of Open-Cut Mining Under Conditions of the Zyryanovskiy Deposits," which was accepted by the Ministry of Nonferrous Metallurgy USSR.

In 1927 Kunayev entered the ranks of VLKSM, and in 1939 he became a member of the VKP(b). He often was elected to mining and field supervising party organs and at the Fifth Session of the KP(b) of Kazakhstan he was elected a member of the Central Committee. He is a deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the Kazakh SSR for the second and third sessions.

Kunayev has been awarded orders and medals of the USSR for service to the Fatherland.

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